



Notice of Public Meeting

Committee: Economic Development
Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022
Time: Immediately following Finance Committee
Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room
Remote Access:

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting, but deviations from the order shown may occur:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Public Comment Regarding Posted Agenda Items
4. Review/Discussion ~ Great River State Trail – Flyway project updates
5. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Broadband provider updates
6. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Grant writer discussion
7. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Economic Development Director discussion
8. Review/Discussion ~ Committee Chair Report
9. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Next meeting date and time
10. Adjournment.

Date: July 14, 2022

Brad Schmidtknecht, Chair

By: Roxann M. Halverson, County Clerk

Board Members: If unable to attend, please contact the Chair. If the Chair is unavailable, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 608-685-6209. If the Chair and the County Clerk are not available, please call the Administrative Coordinator at 608-685-6234.

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Public Access to the Courthouse: The South Entrance will be the only access to the building after 4:30 p.m.

Persons who are members of another governmental body, but who are not members of this committee, may attend this meeting. Their attendance could result in a quorum of another governmental body being present. Such a quorum is unintended, and they are not meeting to exercise the authority, duties, or responsibilities of any other governmental body.

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Economic Development Committee

Date of the Meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2022

Ms. Halverson called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht, Mr. Brian Michaels, and Ms. LeeAnne Bulman.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Ms. Roxann Halverson, Mr. Dennis Bork, Mr. David Danzinger, and Mr. David Brommerich (Teams).

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: There were no public comments.

Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Mr. Schmidtknecht made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Bulman. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Election of the EDC Chairperson: Ms. Halverson called for nominations for the position of EDC Chair. Mr. Weiss nominated Mr. Schmidtknecht for Chair, seconded by Ms. Bulman. Ms. Halverson called for further nominations. Ms. Bulman made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Schmidtknecht for Chair, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Election of the EDC Vice Chairperson: Chair Schmidtknecht called for nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Bulman nominated Mr. Michaels for Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Schmidtknecht. Mr. Weiss made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Michaels for Vice Chair, seconded by Ms. Bulman. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding a Great River State Trail Update: Mr. Danzinger gave an update on phase 2 which will connect Winona with a trail to the south that leads all the way to Madison. The cost of this section is estimated at \$2 million. Ms. Hansen has joined the Friends of the Trail Board and will be assisting in writing grants for phase 2 and future trail projects. Mr. Danzinger indicated work is being done with the Highway Department to apply for a grant to pay for reconstruction of County Road OO which will include a bike lane.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Visitor Brochure: Ms. Halverson indicated this has been placed on hold in the absence of having an Economic Development Coordinator.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Goals/Projects/Future of the EDC Committee: Chair Schmidtknecht asked members for ideas of where they would like to see EDC move towards. Broadband still needs to be completed in many areas. The Town of Montana is working on a survey to see what the wishes of their citizens are in regard to broadband. Chair Schmidtknecht would like to see some sort of funding to help new businesses that want to start in Buffalo County.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the State of the EDC Coordinator Position: Mr. Danzinger would like to see this position filled whether it be part-time or shared with another county. He feels it is vital to keep broadband and other EDC projects moving forward. Mr. Bork indicated it is on hold pending discussions with other counties to see if there is a possibility of collaborating in this position.

Review/Discussion regarding the Chairperson Report: Chair Schmidtknecht discussed whether there is a need to continue the broadband sub-committee. He feels any issues that arise regarding broadband can be handled through the EDC Committee.

Review/Discussion regarding Public Comments Unrelated to Agenda Items: None.

The next meeting date will be June 16th at 10:30 or immediately following the Finance Committee.

Mr. Michaels made a motion to adjourn at 10:28 a.m., seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxann Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk